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1. The 48-er Barracks is between the Vitnyedi and Selmeczi utca. Part of the barracks area (indicated with double lines on the enclosed sketch) has been taken over by the Sopron State Wool Industry factory. The barracks was compensated for this with room on the other side of Selmeczi utca from the gardens of the Daughters of Godly Deliverance cloister. Two new three-story buildings have been built in these gardens.
2. The barracks complex is occupied by Hungarian infantry troops numbering 1,000 to 1,200 men, armed with heavy weapons. The latter include four 76.2 mm. motorized guns, six 76.2 mm motorized antitank guns, 82 mm. mortars, 120 mm. motorized mortars and motorized heavy machine guns.
3. The trucks can carry 14 men; the cab of each of these mounts a light machine gun. The cars are Steyr-Diesel, Raba or Krupp-Botond types. Recently, a few Tatra's have appeared.
4. The command is in the former cloister building; a lieutenant colonel, about 50, is the highest ranking officer.
5. The artillery barracks has been enlarged with two new two-story buildings. It is occupied by a field artillery unit of 600 men, with twelve 76.2 mm. guns and twelve fully motorized 122 mm. guns.
6. The former military high school is being reconstructed to be a barracks. The occupied parts of the buildings house a motorized border guard unit of 100 to 120 men.
7. The Hussar Barracks is still in ruins, and there has been no effort to reconstruct it.

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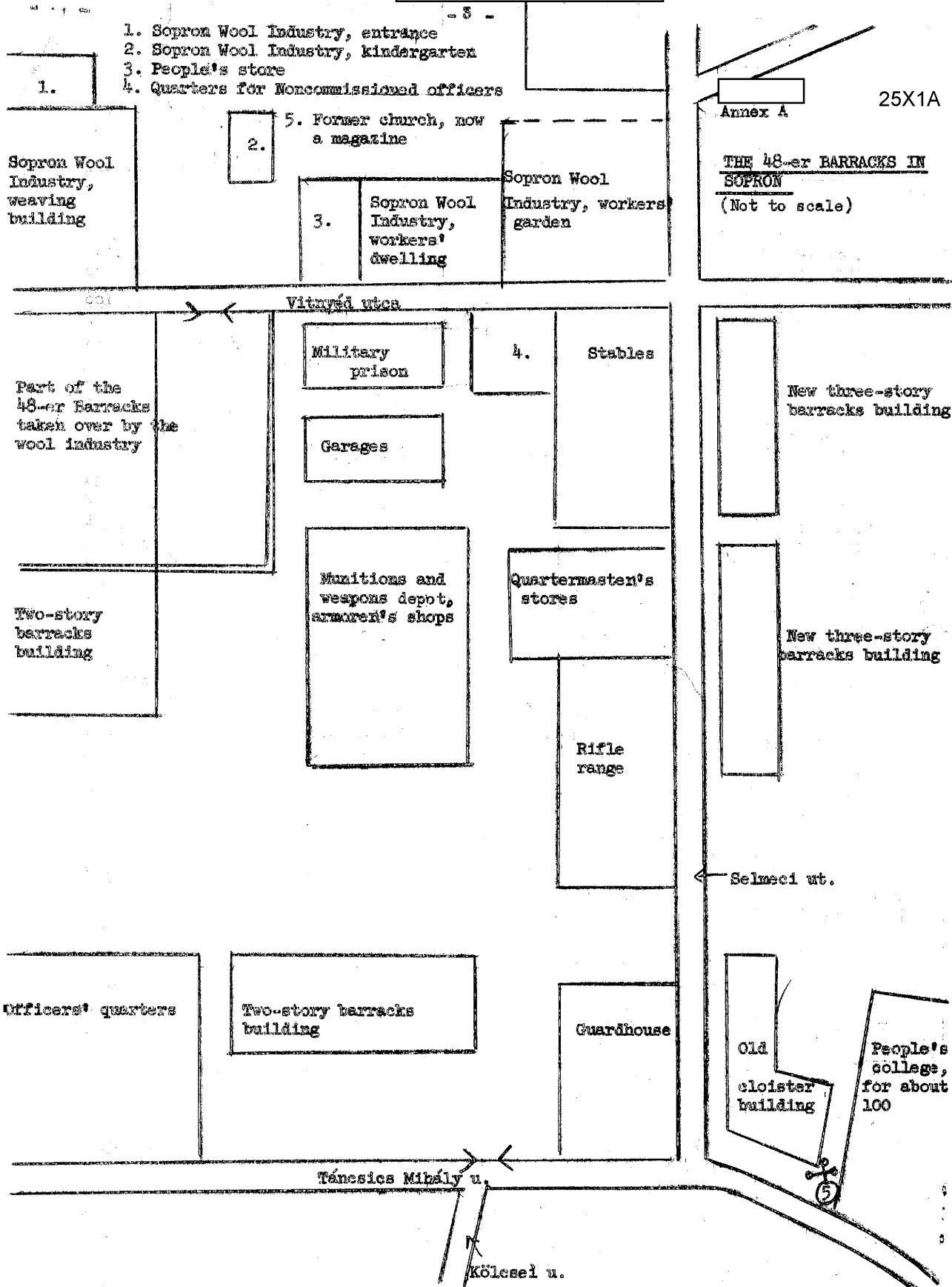
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8. The Flandorfer utca Barracks, only partly rebuilt, has been occupied by Russian artillery since November 1952. There are about 400 men; they have twelve 122 mm. motorized howitzers. Part of the same unit is at Kapuvár and Brennbergbánya.
  9. At "To-malom" near Sopron there is a Hungarian military camp, where 500 to 600 border guards are trained in the summer.
  10. On 1 January 1953, the city of Sopron was declared within the border zone. Persons from other parts of the country had to have special passes to visit it.
- Annex: Sketch map of barracks in Sopron (1 page).

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